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June

1 to 4 – Wacky Wine Weekend, Robertson

3 – West Rand ARC Flea Market

4 - Pentecost; The Comrades Marathon

11 - Hammies Sprint

16 – Youth Day

16 to 18 – Bushveld Paradise Festival, Rooiberg Limpopo; Calitzdorp Winter Fest; Napier Patatfees

17 – World QRP Day

18 - Father's Day; National Day for the Blind

21 - Winter Solstice; Laylat al-Qadr

22 to 26 - SARL Top Band QSO Party

26 - Eid Al Fitr; Closing date Radio ZS July

29 June to 9 July – Grahamstown National Arts Festival

30 – All schools close

30 June to 2 July – Kirkwood Wildfees; Platteland Arts Festival, Smithfield

The Hammies Sprint

The Hammies Sprint is a fun activity to promote contacts between radio amateurs in Southern African countries with an emphasis on ZU stations. The Hammies Sprint takes place from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC on Sunday 11 June 2017 and is a phone contest on the 40 metre band between 7 063 and 7 100, and 7 130 and 7 200 kHz. The exchange is a RS report and your provincial abbreviation. Stations outside South Africa give a RS report and DX.



Contacts with stations in the same ZS region are worth 1 point and contacts with stations in other ZS regions or DX stations are worth 2 points. Contacts with the Hammies ARC ZS6ZU or ZS2U and/or any other Hammies club that may be registered at the time of the Sprint are worth 5 points. Contacts with any ZU station is worth 3 points and contacts between ZU stations are worth 5 points.

Logs, in ADIF, Cabrillo or MS Excel format and labelled "your call sign Hammies," must be submitted by 18 June 2017 and sent by e-mail to chairman@zs6zu.org.za or zr6dx@iafrica.com. Certificates will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and certificates will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for ZU stations.

Ham Radio Aviator Departs for Round the World Flight - Brian Lloyd, WB6RQN, Flight Commemorates 80 Years Since Earhart

Miami, Florida, USA, 1 June 2017 - As pilot Brian Lloyd propels his single-engine plane named "Spirit" into the sky on a solo round-the-world adventure, he commemorates Amelia Earhart's famous flight eighty years ago on this date in 1937. He is communicating live via radio with Ham operators while flying. The two-month flight will follow Earhart's historic route to circumnavigate the world at the equator, which starts in Miami, skirts the chain of Caribbean islands, then along the coast of South America, crosses the Atlantic eastward and then onward around the world.

Prior to departure from his home airstrip in Texas, USA, Brian Lloyd said, "I am driven by the spirit of historic flights. It is important to remember the aviation pioneers like Amelia Earhart and their contributions to aviation. Their bold actions made today's air travel possible for all of us."

While he is in the air, using the call sign WB6RQN, Brian encourages Ham radio operators to contact him on the following frequencies: 14 210.0 kHz USB, 14 346.0 kHz USB, 18 117.5 kHz USB or 7 130.0 kHz LSB. His HF (High Frequency) radio is a Mobat Micom-3 transceiver, with a maximum power of 125 Watts and an antenna under the fuselage. He also utilizes ALE (Automatic Link Establishment) on the Amateur Radio HFLINK frequencies <http://hflink.com>

Brian Lloyd's radio schedule is posted on the project's website <http://projectameliaearhart.org/ham-radio>

"I've been a ham radio operator since 1976 and enjoy radio communications very much. The plane is set up with HF radio for aeronautical purposes with the normal pilot headset controls. The flight route has some very long legs, so I will have plenty of opportunities during June and July to talk with ham operators while flying over the world's oceans," Brian said.

Commercial airliners fly long distances every day, but non-stop ocean flights are quite difficult for small propeller planes, which have limited range. To make it possible, Brian Lloyd modified his 1979 Mooney airplane to carry 150 gallons more fuel, then equipped it with modern navigation equipment, long range radio and satellite communications. Still, the flight is not without risk and special safety gear must be taken along. The public can track his flight on the web, social media, as well as Ham radio.

About: Brian Lloyd, 62, is a pilot, flight instructor, engineer, educator and radio operator. He lives near San Antonio, Texas, USA. The commemorative flights are co-sponsored by The Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum, a non-profit in Texas and many other individuals who contribute to supporting the flights through donations.

Amelia Earhart website: <http://projectameliaearhart.org>

3Y0Z Bouvet News

Have you been keeping up on the 3Y0Z updates? Have you or your DX club/association donated to this very expensive DXpedition? There were 10 Bouvet DXpedition team members who attended the Day-Xenia HamVention. View details and photos at <http://www.bouvetdx.org/news-and-updates>. More details, photos and updates can be found on the following URLs. The main Bouvet Island DXpedition Web page is at <http://www.bouvetdx.org> The Bouvet Island DXpedition is also on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/639362206232014>. You can also follow them on Twitter at https://twitter.com/Bouvet_3Y0Z

The International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend 2017

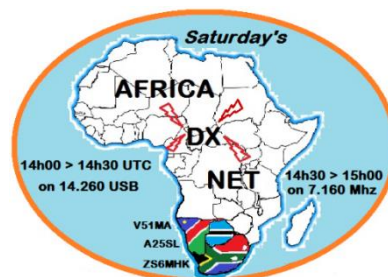
The International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend event will celebrate its 20th year this August. This year the ILLW takes place during the weekend of 19 and 20 August and it attracts over 500 light-house entries located in over 40 countries annually. It is one of the most popular and pleasant international amateur radio events in existence.



Currently there are nearly 200 entries with Germany leading on 40, then Australia with 25 and the USA with 20. In South Africa, the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre, ZS1CT, will activate the Green Point lighthouse, ZA0006 and ZS9V will activate the Robben Island lighthouse, ZA0008. To register, see past reports or read the simple guidelines for the weekend in August, check out the dedicated website at <https://illw.net/>

African DX

Mauritania, 5T. The Czech DXpedition Team of OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZI and OK6DJ and guest operators 5T0JL and 5T2AI will be active as 5T5OK from Mauritania between 16 and 28 September. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160 to 10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL; traditional cards via OK6DJ (direct or bureau). See <http://www.cdxp.cz/> for further information and QSLing policy.



Burundi DXpedition, 9U4M (Press Release #2 - 9U4M Web Site Online) [edited]. The international MDXC team is working hard to prepare the set-up for the new DXpedition from Burundi with the callsign 9U4M. They will be on the air from 6 to 17 November, just on the banks of Lake Tanganyika Lake at Bujumbura. The official website is now online at <http://www.mdxc.org/9u4m> They remind everyone that they have planned, as usual, to operate 24/24 hours with 5 stations with a particular focus to low bands, WARC and the Digital modes. Antonio, IZ8CCW,

leader and Gabriele, I2VGW, co-leader of the team, will share this new DXpedition with 18 members from eight countries. For any further news and updates please stay tuned: this new great adventure is approaching. Of course, any donation and sponsorship will be very appreciated by the entire team!

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Reunion Island, FR. Thomas, F4HPX, will be active as FR/F4HPX from various locations on Reunion Island (AF-016) between 4 and 16 June. He will be operating from his family home, but also from beaches and especially from the mountains because there is a lot of them including an active volcano. Activity will be on 40 to 15 meters using CW (possibly), SSB, RTTY, PSK31, JT65 and JT9. He will use various wire and portable antennas with 2 rigs: FT-891 from home with 100 w and KX2 outside (alone or with small 30 W HF amp). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS.

Seychelles, S7. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as S79NH from Praslin Island (AF-024) between 26 and 31 July. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW and RTTY (possibly SSB). He will also be on the RSGB IOTA Contest (29 and 30 July). QSL via his home call sign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog. For more details and updates, see <https://pandasan.jimdo.com/s79nh>

Robben Island, ZS. Look for a group of 4 operators from South Africa to activate Robben Island AF-064, in the Western Cape Province South West Group, as ZS9V between 9 and 13 August. Operators mentioned are Bani, ZS1BM, Bruce, ZS1FX, Jan, ZS1VDV and Paul, ZS1V. Activity will be taken place during the ILLW (lighthouse weekend) from ZA0008. Operations will be on various HF bands (160 to 20 m). QSL via M0OXO or OQRS. For more details, see <http://zs9v.org.za>

Liberia, EL. In collaboration with the Liberian Radio Amateur Association, a team consisting of Richmond, EL2BG, Dickson, EL2DT, Jeremy, EI5GM, Dave, EI9FBB, and Col, MM0NDX, will be active as 5L3BI (requested call sign) from Baiyah Island (AF-111, new one for IOTA) in early November. The tentative dates are around 1 to 4 November, but "time on the island will be limited and definitely weather dependent". They will operate CW and SSB using verticals and amplifiers. The log will be uploaded to Club Log after the activity. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (direct or bureau); traditional requests go to M0OXO direct only. Bookmark <https://af111new.com/> for updates and information on how to support the DXpedition

St Brandon, 3B7. A team of French operators will be active from Saint Brandon Islands (AF-015) for two weeks sometime between March and April 2018. Operators mentioned are Pat, F2DX, Vincent, F4BKV, Gil, F4FET, Diégo, F4HAU, Flo, F5CWU, Pascal, F5PTM, Seb, F5UFX and Michel, F6AGM, FM5CD. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with seven stations (one for 6 m) on the air. Look for more details to be forthcoming and watch their Web page at <http://www.saintbrandondx.com>. Read their complete Press Release #1 at <http://www.saintbrandondx.com/en/press-release-2>

Angola, D2. D2TI is the call sign for the IOTA DXpedition to Tigres Island (AF-108), which is now planned to take place "sometime early 2018". Further information will be available in due course. Updates will be posted to <https://dx-world.net/>.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 22 to 29 May 2017

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, Data
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 5 June
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: United Kingdom
Mode: RTTY, PSK

Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST and serial no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 6 June 2017
Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2017/r80mcc.shtml>

ARS Spartan Sprint

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 6 June

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Skinny; Tubby

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

Submit logs by: 8 June 2017

E-mail logs to: spartansprint@yahoo.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://arsgrp.blogspot.com/2009/02/so-whats-spartan-sprint-and-how-do-i.html>

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 7 June

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA

station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 9 June 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.per-luma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 7 June and

03:00 - 04:00 UTC 8 June

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-

Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 10 June 2017

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 9 June

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 11 June 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 9 June

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 11 June 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest: 19:00 - 19:29 UTC

(40 m) and 19:30 - 19:59 UTC 9 June (80 m)

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: Single Op
 Exchange: HACWG Members: RST and membership
 no; non-Members: RST and NM
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 24 June 2017
 E-mail logs to: ha3kna@tolna.net
 Mail logs to: Radio Club, 7100 Szekszard, Rakoczi u.
 16., Hungary
 Find rules at: <http://radioamator.honlapep-ites.hu/?p=1280>

DRCG WW RTTY Contest
 00:00 – 07:59 UTC and 16:00 - 23:59 UTC 10 June
 and 08:00 – 15:59 UTC 11 June
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op All-Band; Single Op All-Band 6
 Hrs; Single Op All-Band Unlimited; Multi-Op
 Exchange: RST and CQ Zone
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each
 VK, VE, JA and W call area once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x
 total mults
 Submit logs by: 18 June 2017
 E-mail logs to: drcgww@drcg.de
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.drcg.de/drcgww/drcg-ww-rtty-english.html>

VK Shires Contest
 06:00 UTC 10 June to 06:00 UTC 11 June
 Geographic Focus: Australia
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: VK Single Op - rover or fixed; VK Multi-Two
 - rover or fixed; DX Single Op
 Exchange: VK: RS(T) and Shire; non-VK: RS(T) and
 CQ Zone
 Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: VK: Each VK shire once per band per
 mode; VK: Each CQ zone once per band per mode;
 non-VK: Each VK shire once per band per mode
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x
 total mults
 Submit logs by: 1 July 2017
 E-mail logs to: vkshires-logs@outlook.com
 Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/wavks/>

Asia-Pacific SSB Sprint
 11:00 - 13:00 UTC 10 June
 Geographic Focus: Asia/Pacific
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 20, 15 m
 Classes: Single Op Single Radio
 Max power: Asia Pacific: 150 watts; Non-Asia Pa-
 cific: maximum legal
 Exchange: RS and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: Asia-Pacific: 1 point per QSO; Non-Asia-
 Pacific: 1 point per QSO with an Asia-Pacific station
 Multipliers: Each prefix once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x
 total mults
 Submit logs by: 17 June 2017
 E-mail logs to: apsprint@jsfc.org
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt>

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 12:00 UTC 10 June to 24:00 UTC 11 June
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: (none)
 Max operating hours: 24
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name
 and SKCC no or "NONE"
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Bonus Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x
 total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 18 June 2017
 Post log summary at:
http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

Portugal Day Contest
 12:00 UTC 10 June to 12:00 UTC 11 June
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed

Exchange: CT: RS(T) and District; non-CT: RS(T) and serial no

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each CT region and each DXCC country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 1 September 2017

E-mail logs to: rep-concursos@rep.pt

Mail logs to: REP Award/Contest Manager, Rua D. Pedro V, No. 7-40, 1250-092 Lisboa, Portugal

Find rules at: http://www.rep.pt/portugal_day_contest/rules.html

GACW WWSA CW DX Contest

15:00 UTC 10 June to 15:00 UTC 11 June

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi; Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and CQ Zone no

QSO Points: 0 points per QSO with same country; 1 point per QSO with different country, same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; Non-SA stations: 5 points per QSO with South America

Multipliers: Each CQ zone once per band; Each country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 30 July 2017

E-mail logs to: logs@wwsatest.org

Mail logs to: GACW DX Contest, PO Box 9, B1875ZAA Wilde, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Find rules at: <http://www.wwsatest.org/english>

Cookie Crumble QRP Contest

17:00 - 22:00 UTC 11 June

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: All

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 5 watts CW/Digital; 10 watts SSB

Exchange: RS(T), state, province or country, cookie no and name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points and bonus points

Submit logs by: 31 July 2017

E-mail logs to: KB3VVE@gmail.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://w3atb.com/cookie-crumble/>

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 12 June

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 30 June 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://qrptest.com/4sqrptest>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.4sqrptest.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf

Next Week's Contests

NAQCC CW Sprint, 00:30 UTC-02:30 UTC 14 June

Phone Fray, 02:30 UTC-03:00 UTC 14 June

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 June and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 15 June

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 14 June

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 16 June

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 June

All Asian DX Contest, CW, 00:00 UTC 17 June to 24:00 UTC 18 June

SMIRK Contest, 00:00 UTC 17 June to 24:00 UTC 18 June

Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest, 12:00 UTC 17 June to 11:59 UTC 18 June

ARR BPSK63 Contest, 12:00 UTC 17 June to 12:00 UTC 18 June

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, 14:00 - 17:00 UTC (144) and 17:00 - 18:00 UTC 17 June (432)

IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest, 14:00 UTC 17 June to 14:00 UTC 18 June

Stew Perry Topband Challenge, 15:00 UTC 17 June to 15:00 UTC 18 June

West Virginia QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 17 June to 02:00 UTC 18 June
Feld Hell Sprint, 18:00 - 19:59 UTC 17 June
WAB 50 MHz Phone, 09:00 - 15:00 UTC 18 June
Kid's Day Contest, 18:00 - 23:59 UTC 18 June
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 19 June

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